

**BOARD LETTER – SUMMARY SHEET
HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CLUSTER**

AGENDA REVIEW	02/18/15
BOARD MEETING	03/03/15
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT	All
DEPARTMENT	Mental Health
SUBJECT	Request approval to expend funds to host and conduct the African American Mental Health Conference: "Holistic Wellness for African American Families and Communities," to be held on June 18, 2015, at the Los Angeles Airport Marriott Hotel.
PROGRAM	This Conference provides training opportunities to both providers and consumers while promoting prevention and early intervention of mental illness for African American consumers in Los Angeles County. The workshops for this conference provide participants, including consumers, with a broad range of information related to strategies that are culturally relevant and specific to the unique needs of the African American community.
DEADLINES	None
COST & FUNDING	The estimated total cost of this Conference is \$80,000. This estimated cost includes \$3,978 for facility rental fees, \$43,148 for food and beverage service, \$1,999 for audio and visual services, \$600 for consumer parking, \$19,075 for speakers, \$5,000 for consumer stipends, \$1,000 for entertainment, \$5,000 for translation services, and \$200 for registration wrist bands. The Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-2015 Final Adopted Budget includes sufficient appropriation for the estimated cost of this Conference. The estimated total cost of \$80,000 will be funded by approximately \$32,250 in estimated fees paid by County employees, non-County participants and vendors and donations; with the remaining estimated cost of \$47,750 funded by State MHSA revenue. The final cost will be determined by the actual number of participants, which will be limited to a maximum of 650 people.
PURPOSE OF REQUEST	Board approval of the recommended actions will allow DMH to host and conduct this Conference for African American Families and Communities," which is to be held on June 18, 2015, at the Los Angeles Airport Marriott Hotel.
SUMMARY/ ISSUES (Briefly summarize program and potential issues or concerns. Identify changes, if any, to level of funding or staffing; how funding will be utilized and why best use; and prior accomplishments.)	DMH conducted an annual African American Mental Health Conference, beginning in 2003 and each year afterwards until 2008. The conferences were designed to provide strategies, for recovery from mental illness, but tailored to African American consumers and their families. Historically, information presented at these conferences has been critical to the provision of culturally competent services to African American consumers and their families throughout the County. For the past five years, there has been resurgence in the demand for this conference by various stakeholders. The conference will benefit the mental health system by empowering consumers, especially African American consumers, to effectively use recovery strategies and resources to improve their lives through the use of integrated services. It will educate and increase the understanding of the need for integrating health, mental health and substance abuse services in an age of healthcare reform.
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